

2023 Black History Month Celebration

Poster Submission Guidelines

Eligibility and Media:

In celebration of Black History Month, the Office of Administration (OA) and Office of Equal Opportunity (OEO) would like to take the opportunity to recognize an outstanding Missouri high school student for conveying the importance of Black History Month through their artwork. The winning artwork will be featured as the Missouri 2023 Black History Month poster, and used throughout the state to create awareness and spark conversations on the topic.

Submissions must be visual art that relates to the celebration of the rich history and culture of black and African Americans. Entries will be accepted from any Missouri high school student.

The poster will be used in print materials, featured on OA/OEO websites and social media pages, as well as publications across other state departments.

Original 2D art (paintings or drawings) in all media is eligible.

Entries:

The artwork (no larger than 12 x 16 inches) entry can be submitted by U.S. mail or dropped off at the following address:

The Office of Equal Opportunity
301 West High Street, Room 870-B
Jefferson City, MO 65102

Attention: Black History Month Poster Contest

There is no entry fee, but all entries must be accompanied by the required [entry form](#) completed in full and signed by the entrant. No more than **one** entry per artist, please.

The deadline for entries is January 4, 2023 (postmark).

Jurors:

OEO will select a team of volunteer judges representing OEO and state department liaisons. They will collectively determine the winner based on criteria including originality, visual interest, and skillful use of materials. The winning artist will be notified upon final decision by OEO.

Terms:

- Entries will only be accepted from Missouri resident high school students. A completed entry form must be submitted along with the artwork.
- The artwork will become the property of the Office of Equal Opportunity and will not be returned to the artist.
- An entry to this contest constitutes full agreement on the part of the artist to all conditions outlined in the submission guidelines.
- The original art will be reproduced for use in the current year's Missouri Black History Month poster, including a statement and information about the artist. There will be no monetary compensation for the winner.

The cost of postage to mail the artwork is the artist's responsibility and will not be reimbursed.

- The winning artist grants the Office of Equal Opportunity permission to reproduce their artwork for non-profit distribution of the Missouri Black History Month poster.
- The Office of Equal Opportunity will have final authority to define what constitutes an acceptable entry.
- Copies of the poster will be distributed and promoted statewide, in order to increase awareness of Black History Month.

For questions or more information, contact:

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